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1. SUMMARY: THE ONLY SPECIFIC PROPOSAL FOREIGN MINISTER VAZQUEZ CARRIZOSA MENTIONED IN OUR TALK TODAY MARCH 28 WAS THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING AN OVERALL INSTITUTION FOR SOLUTION OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS: PROGRAM POLICY PLANNING AND EXECUTION. SUCH AN ORGANIZATION WOULD INCLUDE IA- ECOSOC, SCCN, INTER- AMERICAN BANK, LAFTA, OTHER REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF NON- OAS COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN ASSISTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF LATIN AMERICA. THIS WOULD BE IN REFERENCE TO ITEM TEN, GALO PLAZA RESOLUTION, ESSENTIALLY BASED ON HIS RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH CARLOS SANZ DE SANTAMARIA. FOR THE REST, HE REPEATED HIS CRITICISM OF THE OAS SYSTEM, PARTICULARLY AFTER THE IA- ECOSOC MEETING IN BOGOTA AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING IN PANAMA HAVE VERY BADLY DETERIORATED ITS STATURE. HE REITERATED HIS CONCEPT OF THE OASGA AS A DIRECTIVE ORGANIZATION. END OF SUMMARY

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2. IN ANSWER TO MY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON GOC VIEWS ON THE OASGA AGENDA , FOREIGN MINISTER VAZQUEZ TOLD ME HE HAD REQUESTED ADVICE FROM CARACAS FOR SPECIFICS ON THE CALVANI RESOLUTION (ITEM 9) BUT HAD RECEIVED NO ANSWER. IT WAS HIS GUESS, KNOWING CALVANI, THAT IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY VAGUE, WITH NO REAL CONCRETE PROPOSAL. VAZQUEZ HAS NOT HEARD FROM ANY OTHER CAPITAL ANYTHING CONCRETE AS TO ITEMS 9 OR 10, ALTHOUGH HE KNOWS DEFINITELY THAT PERU PROPOSES TO SEEK TO MOVE THE OAS SEAT FROM WASHINGTON DC TO THE CAPITAL OF ANOTHER COUNTRY. HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET ANY DETAILS ON THIS PROPOSAL EITHER.

3. AS FOR COLOMBIA, HE HAS BEEN MAKING A THOROUGH STUDY OF ALL THE CURRENT DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING THE IA- ECOSOC RESOLUTION OF BOGOTA AND SANZ DE SANTAMARIA' S TEN POINTS. HE HAS COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE IA- ECOSOC HAS BEEN NOTHING BUT A DEBATING SOCIETY WITH THE BORESOME REPETITION OF OLD SUBJECTS, " TWENTY SPEECHES, ONE FOR EACH COUNTRY", AND NO LONGER SERVES ANY USEFUL PURPOSE. THE OASGA IS IN NO BETTER STATE NOR ARE THE OTHER AGENCIES SUCH AS THE SCCN, WHICH IS NOW MORIBUND AS WE HAVE REFUSED TO CARRY OUT OUR COMMITMENT TO HELP CREATE TRADE PREFERENCES FOR LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. THE DETERIORATION OF THE WHOLE HEMISPHERIC SYSTEM WAS EMPHASIZED BY THE IA- ECOSOC BOGOTA MEETING AND THE MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN PANAMA. HE NOTED THAT THE CANAL QUESTION COULD NOT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP IN THE OAS SINCE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVELY BLOCKED BY ALL SORTS OF PROCEDURAL MANEUVERS. THEREFORE, IT WAS BYPASSED FOR THE UN, FURTHER WEAKENING ITS STATURE AS A REGIONAL ORGANIZATION.

4. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO A NEW ORGANIZATION BASED ON IA- ECOSOC BUT TO INCLUDE THE MANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE DIRECT CONCERN WITH THE
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS OF LATIN

AMERICA, NAMELY THE OTHER REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS LAFTA, THE ANDEAN GROUP, CARIFTA, SIECA, ODECA, INTER- AMERICAN BANK, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF NON- OAS COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN ASSISTING LATIN AMERICA, SUCH AS CANADA (WHICH HE CLASSIFIED AS A EUROPEAN COUNTRY). SUCH AN ORGANIZATION WOULD DEVOTE ITSELF TO OVERALL PLANNING, CONSIDERATION OF CONCRETE PROBLEMS AND THE ADOPTION OF SPECIFIC PROGRAMS. HE HAD BEEN DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH SANZ DE SANTAMARIA RECENTLY AND REFERRED TO THE OECD AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT MIGHT BE DEVELOPED IN THE LATIN AMERICAN AREA.

5. AS FOR THE OASGA, IT SHOULD BE CONVERTED INTO A DECISION- MAKING BODY, ON ALL BASIC PROBLEMS OF THE HEMISPHERE-- POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL. IT SHOULD FOREGO THE FUTILE EXPOUNDING OF GENERALIZATIONS AND DEVOTE ITSELF TO CONCRETE PROBLEMS (VAZQUEZ DIDN' T OFFER EXAMPLE OF WHAT THESE MIGHT BE).

6. THE MINISTER WENT ON TO PHILOSOPHIZE THAT THE U. S. HAS VERY LITTLE INTEREST IN THE AREA. TRUE, WE WERE ASSOCIATED GEOGRAPHICALLY, BUT THE U. S. IS MORE CONCERNED WITH TREMENDOUS GLOBAL PROBLEMS; THERE IS, IN HIS OPINION, NO REAL SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP, LOOKING DOWN HERE FROM UP THERE, HE GUESSED THAT ALL WE SAW WAS A VARIETY OF COUNTRIES SUBJECT TO INSTABILITY, CHANGES AND REVOLUTIONS, TO WHICH WE HAD DEVELOPED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF INDIFFERENCE.

7. THESE WERE ALL GENERAL IDEAS, HE SAID, THAT HE WAS TO DISCUSS WITH PRESIDENT PASTRANA THIS WEEK- END BEFORE LEAVING FOR WASHINGTON. HE WAS NOT EXACTLY SURE JUST WHAT COLOMBIA WOULD PROPOSE SPECIFICALLY. THIS WOULD DEPEND ON HIS CONSULTATION WITH THE PRESIDENT AND HOW THINGS DEVELOPED AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
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